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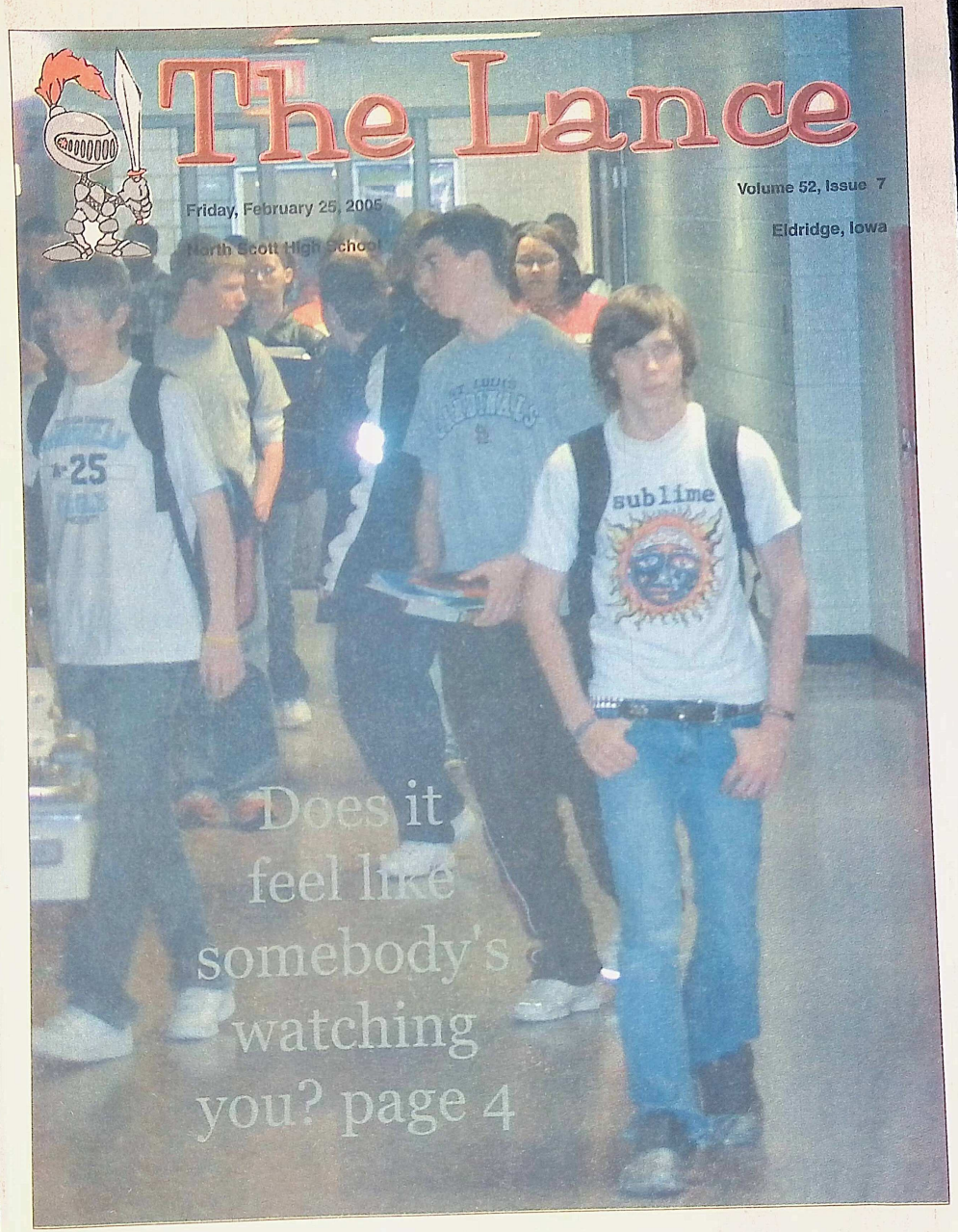

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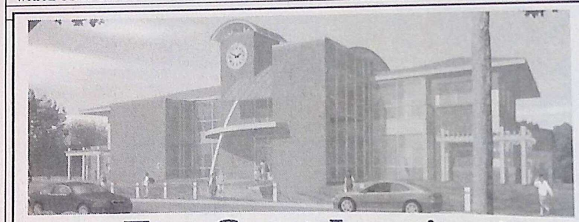

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February's Top-Ten shock and amaze

Brandon Williams
REPORTER

1.Feb.13- Lucky Hong Kong tree unlucky for some
A tree considered lucky according to legend in Hong Kong had an ironic twist:
one of its branches fell and landed on a 62-year old man and a four-year old boy.
According to tradition, people throw oranges with strips of paper tied to them. If the orange gets caught in the branches of the Lam Tsuen Wishing Tree, the wishes written on the piece of paper will be granted.

2.Feb.14- Three-year-old boy has 137 IQ
A three year-old from Leeds, England has a 137 Intelligence Quotient and is now the youngest member of the British chapter of Mensa, an international society for highly intelligent people. At age two, the boy could read and write basic words, and understands the Ar abic alphabet. There are actually 30 members in the British chapter of Mensa under the age of ten. Internationally, Mensa has over 100,000 members.

3.Feb.14- Miller Beer employee fired for drinking Bud Light
A Miller beer distributor in Racine, Wisconsin fired an employee after a picture in a newspaper showed him drinking a Bud Light.The man came into work after the paper was printed and was fired without being given a reason. The man said he was actually thinking about applying for Anheuser-Busch. Two years ago a similar incident occurred, when a Coca-Cola truck driver was caught drinking a Pepsi.

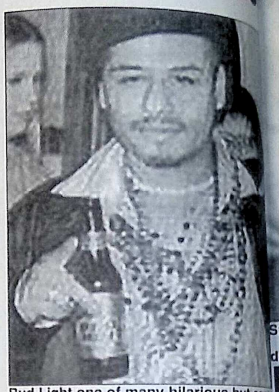
4.Feb.14- Police chief leaves loaded gun in library
A Police Chief in Reynoldsburg, Ohio, was studying in the town's library, left, only later realizing she forgot her gun. She called the dispatcher as soon as she realized her error and told them that if anyone had called about a handbag containing the weapon, it was hers. It has not been decided how or if she'll be disciplined.

5.Feb.14- Man holds up store, demands sushi
In Tokyo, a man went into a convenience store and threatened to kill himself with a knife unless he received a meal of the best sushi. The 68-year old man was unemployed and claimed he couldn't eat because his state benefits were cut off. Police later gained control of him and gave him bananas and vitamin supplements.

6.Feb.15- Marsupial manure helps make paper
An Australian paper company found a way to make paper out of kangaroo and wallaby waste. The 55 pounds of dung created nearly 400 sheets of paper. The company plans to have each sand-colored sheet of paper embossed with the words, "Genuine Kangeroo Poo".

7. Feb.11- U.S. State's bid to outlaw 'droopy drawers' defeated
In Virginia, a proposed law to fine people 50 dollars for exposed undergarments was defeated in the state senate. The bill was greatly approved in the lower house Tuesday, which led to accusations of racism and rights violations. The bill was unanimously rejected in an upper state house committee, saying the issue was a distraction.

8. Feb.14- First-grader punished for bag of dirt
A first-grader in Sikeston,Missouri, was given a two-day in-school suspension after giving one of her friends a bag of dirt, which her teachers mistook as marijuana. The girl didn't even know what marijuana was, and the only drug she had heard about was cigarettes.



Bud Light one of many hilarious but controversial Superbowl commercials
Internet Photo

9. Feb.10- Man in bubble to find love
A 29-year old lifeguard in Sydney, Australia spent 5 days in a clear, plastic bubble in shopping mall try king to find a valentine. He received more then 100 e-mails from possible dates. The bubble contained an armchair, a bowl of fruit, and a laptop computer. On Valentine's Day he emerged from the bubble and took his chosen candidate out to dinner.

10. Feb.11- Student drives over driver's ed teacher
In Stone Mountain, Georgia, an instructor for driver's education was run over and pinned under a car driven by one of her students for 15 minutes. Two student-driven cars collided in a drill that involved pulling forward and backing up at slow speeds, then one of the students backed up and ran the instructor over.

Big Brother soon to arrive at NS

Cate Watkins
REPORTER

Yes, the rumors are true: North Scott High will soon be installing surveillance cameras around the school. Many students may not agree, but recent events have called for a push to do so. North Scott is actually the last school in Scott County to do so; all the other local high schools already have security cameras put in.

The security cameras are part of a new system to help ensure the safety of the high school- not to say that the school is unsafe, but current vandalism cases in addition to other things, are raising the case for the cameras to be installed.

The cameras will be used as a way to deter students from committing more acts of vandalism, as well as to prevent more students from leaving when they aren't supposed to, or to prevent teens from going outside during the lunch periods to smoke.

"The key factor is responsibility and accountability," says Mr. Johnson. Across the country, hundreds of school districts have installed camera surveillance systems in the wake of the Columbine tragedy in Denver, Colorado. Since then, the cameras have served to help prevent more tragedies like that all across the nation.

The cameras are needed because students are taking advantage of the school in order to go out to the parking lots to break school rules, including more acts of vandalism on the parked cars. These cameras will serve to catch students in the act, thus preventing more crime. The cameras will not be monitored full-time, but the tapes will be shown to parents upon request, and are admissible in the courtrooms. students are caught doing anything illegal on school grounds.

Meanwhile, the cameras will be placed in the parking lots, around the entrances to the school, and in strategic locations inside the building. This means students will be unable to randomly roam the halls during classes, including those seniors with open campus.

Surveys show that all kinds of drugs run rampant at our own high school. What can be done to stop this rampage?
Internet Photo

Drugs major issue in North Scott and other high schools

Cate Watkins
REPORTER

Recently, students at North Scott High School were reintroduced to drug searches, reawakening them to the fact that NHSH has a zero-tolerance policy when it comes to drug use. Despite recent trends, drugs are still a problem among American teenagers; more and more deaths are attributed to drug use or drinking, whether directly (by overdose) or indirectly (car accident as a result of being high or drunk).

In the past year alone, more than ten times the amount spent advertising milk was spent advertising alcohol products, MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) reports. Also, children ages 12 to 20 are over 128 times more likely to see an advertisement for alcohol today than only two years ago.

On Monday, December 6, 2004, there was a routine drug-search at North Scott High; the trained search dogs found two cars with drugs in them, leading to disciplinary action being taken against the students. The students can face penalties ranging from suspension/expulsion to enrollment in drug-reform programs; the punishment is still undecided. North Scott High School has many programs to deter drug use, including SADD and routine drug searches with the cooperation of local police.

Nationally, drug use rates are continuing to decline; in a study in 2003 by the National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA), drug rates are going down as compared to usage rates in 1993 and 1995. Programs in schools, such as DARE and student organizations are helping to spread information about the long-lasting effects of alcohol on the body, as well as drugs. (A commonly missed fact is that alcohol is also a drug, even though it is a drink.)

In our school, though, drug use does remain a problem. Walking down the halls, changing for PE or strength training in the locker rooms, or just eating lunch in the cafeteria, people can hear others talking about drinking, parties, and drugs. Teens openly talk about the next party, what they did the night before, even brag about how drunk/high they are going to get. Students seem to not think it's that big of a problem to drink and get drunk, or do drugs and get high.

In the beginning of the school year, students would come into the commons, and turn half of the lights off to prevent headaches from hangovers or coming down from being high. They would also yell and jeer at anyone who dared turn the lights on to do homework or anything else.

Meanwhile, according to a recent survey in our school, 66 % of students think that drug use/alcohol use is a problem, 20 % don't think that drug use/alcohol use is a problem, while 14 % aren't sure if drug/alcohol use is a problem. From there, 59 % think that the problem is bad to really bad, 38 % think that the problem is not very bad to no problem at all, and 3 % left the question blank.

Most disturbingly, 52% of students either do drugs/drink alcohol or have tried, while 48% haven't. The ages from where students either tried or started range from 'under 10' to '17'.

Also, 61% percent of students say that weed/marijuana/pot is the easiest drug to get a hold of, with alcohol running second for easiest drug to procure. As for why, responses range from 'they want to be cool', 'because it feels good', and 'because they want to fit in' to 'they are idiots.'

Moline attack brings school violence to forefront

Brandon Williams
REPORTER

Adrianne Reynolds was only 16 years old when she was killed on January 21. But not only was she killed by her own classmates in Black Hawk College, but the killers attempted to burn her body, and dismembered her limbs with a saw. Right after the event, it seemed to be the topic to talk about. It's been more than two weeks later, and students are back to their daily routines, and most appear unaffected by the incident.

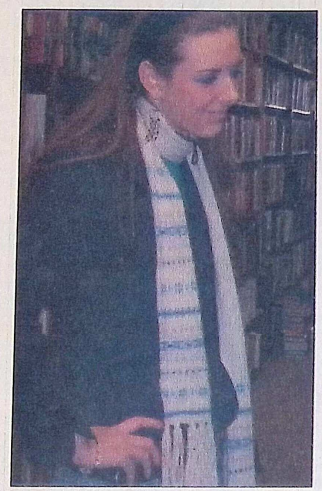
East Moline is only about half an hour away. But for some of us many questions appear out of the incident: Is it possible that our school could have a tragedy like this? How violent are teens today?

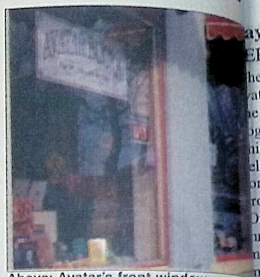
The research is quite surprising. According to safeyouth.org, more than one in three high school students claimed to have been in a physical fight in 1999, and one in seven students fought on school property. What were the reasons of these fights? The biggest cause said by students who had recently witnessed a fight was insults. It's hard to imagine that high school students aren't mature enough to be able to handle a few unkind words, but that's what causes fights with teens today. Obviously there must be something behind all this aggression.

What do the experts say lead a person to become aggressive? Studies show that children who live in a home where parents aren't truly involved in their lives or parents who punish harshly or inconsistently are more likely to be aggressive than others. Other factors include poverty, discrimination and a lack of social acceptance can raise the likelihood of aggression problems. Research has also found a link between aggression and exposure to violent television and movies, and a lesser affect on exposure to violent video games. Alcohol and drugs are also said to raise aggression.

While it is clear that aggression is a problem, the way to solve the problem hasn't been found. After-school programs are suggested though, as it's been proven that these programs decrease juvenile crime, risky behaviors such as drug and alcohol use, and the likelihood that teens will be victims of violent crime. While everyone shows aggression once and a while, the only proper way to handle it is to learn anger management. Hopefully people will learn, and we can avoid ever hearing or reading about another Adrianne Reynolds.

Avatar a used book have





Above: Avatar's front window
Left: Kayla revels in the smell of old used books. Is there really anything as Staff P

Kayla McCubbin
REPORTER

The bright robin's egg blue store, known as Avatar is located in Davenport's East Village. The bookstore, which is situated next to Happy Dog Bakery, has a sign on the front of the door, which says something along the lines of only well behaved dogs on leashes can enter the store. Such cutesy little signs are located throughout the establishment.

Once you enter this used book haven, you are immediately overwhelmed by the old book smell. The front of the store seems a little small, but turn the corner and behold! The store had a giant attached room. From floor to ceiling books cover everything in sight.

From old, almost decaying books, to next to new, they're everywhere. Each shelf is neatly labeled as to the contents of that shelf. The labels even go into as much detail in breaking genres down as 1940's nostalgic fiction.

The people who work at Avatar are friendly and easily engage in conversation. They are happy to help you find anything that you are looking for.

Books found in the store are really unique. From a hippopotamus cookbook I fou spellbook Jessica Zeimet was leafing th they have it all. It's a pretty sweet pl check out, and maybe find a free readi (If you're into that sort of thing).

The books are also cheaper than at a bookstore. Who really wants to pay a bu money for a required book for schoo ways?

Watermark earns high marks

Kayla McCubbin
REPORTER

Watermark is a fine gift store, which specializes in children's books and toys. They have a large selection of jewelry, some of which that can be monogrammed. Purses, soaps, and figurines are also available to purchase.

The main attraction, though, is the special section for the children's books and toys. The books range from classics like Dr. Suess to local author's creations. Although the books don't exactly pertain to teenagers (depending on your reading level, that is) , they are still fun to flip through. They also might make a good present for a little cousin, or maybe to bring over to a long babysitting job.

The store itself is a really pretty building down by The Mark. It is actually right across the street from the Isabelle Bloom store. Many of us are familiar with this area, thanks to mothers who love to collect sculpted concrete. The building itself is stone, with large windows facing the street front with displays set up in them, showcasing the children's books and toys. The inside of the building is very clean with wooden floors and glass cases filled with various figurines.

Watermark gives off a cozy, sort of Christmas shopping feeling. The ladies in the store are not the friendliest people in the world, but then again I wasn't a middle-aged woman with a credit card in hand. At the same time it would be a good place to go to get a nice gift for a ent's birthday or other such events, where ting a card won't cut it.

Watermark's colorful shelves have entertained children of the Quad-City areas for years. Not for all adults, stop by and pick up something for your younger siblings. Staff Photo

Prairie Lights worth 45 minute drive

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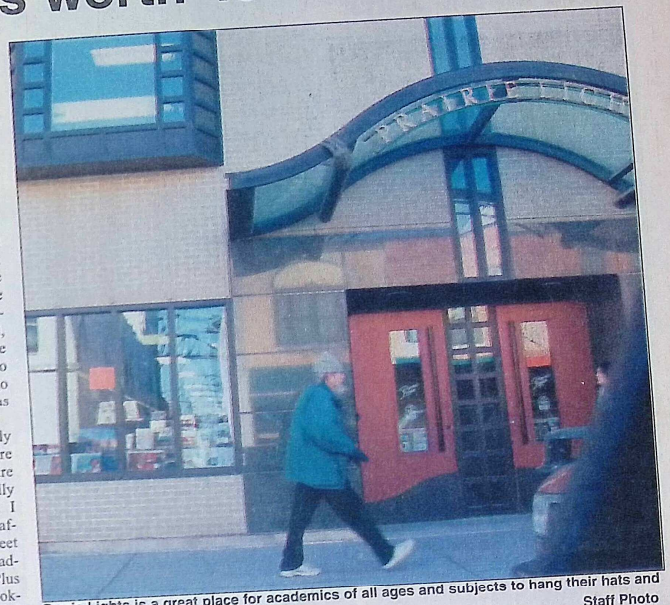
This bookstore doesn't fall into the cutesy heat little bookstore category. It's more of a tattered, somewhat messy old store. It's kind of reminiscent of the one out of the Never-ending Story. There are plenty of quiet places around the store to sit down and read through a potential purchase. Best of all there are no pesky salespeople in trendy glasses and over-gelled hair asking if you are finding everything alright.



Prarie Lights is a great place for academics of all ages and subjects to hang their hats and pick up a good read. Staff Photo

Nothing replaces good, old library

Cheap and local, you can't beat the library. Staff Photo

Kayla McCubbin
REPORTER

Feeling cheap? Afraid of commitment? The library is your place to go for books. For first time members, your card is free. Lost your card? Well for a minimal fee the library can replace it, but just make sure you don't have any pesky late fees from your elementary years. Those can really add up, as I found out this summer. Of course, once you have the card, the books come free. Just as long as you remember to bring back those bounded bliss known as books. Otherwise, be prepared to deal with the aforementioned late fees.

The part even better than free books, is bringing them back. Most of us would rather die than touch those books we were required to read for our English classes. The library allows people to rent these books out, and then drop those suckers off as soon as the test has been distributed. Or, for those who are into the reading for fun thing, rather than spend hundreds on new books, get them for free. Also, if you read a book that doesn't quite strike your fancy - return it! Try doing that at your local bookstore.

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Student Government plans plenty of activities in the coming weeks.

Courtney Pennel
STUD. GOV. PUBLIC RELATIONS

Yippee! The Bachelor Capture is finally here. This hopping dance will take place Saturday, February 28th, in the Pit from 8-11 p.m.. Girls--be sure to ask the guys; because the guys won't be asking you. Tickets will be on sale all next week during all lunches They will be $8 a piece; included in the price will be a mardi gras themed gift. So please come join the fun next Saturday with Music Connections, Mark's Place Photography, and all of your friends.

Bloods up, Bloods down. This is just a heads up for the upcoming Spring Blood Drive. Check your calendars because the blood drive in going to be held on March 30, in the Pitjust a couple days after spring break, folks. SooOOOoo the blood donation sign-ups will be conducted from March 14th-18th. Student Government members will be in advisories, classrooms and lunch rooms conducting sign ups. Some details to think about:

1. If you have given blood any time since February 2nd, you are not eligible to give blood on March 30th.
2. If you have had a piercing or tattoo since March 30th of last year, you are not eligible to donate either.
3. For you 16 year olds, you need a parent permission form--which will be available for you in Ms. Mac's room or in the activities office. Bring this signed form with you when you donate.
2. Everyone, you must bring a picture ID with you. We know who you are, but this is a rule from the folks at the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center.

If are able to donate, please do so! You alone can impact the lives of as many 3 people with one donation.

Just a reminder that Student Government meetings are held Tuesdays mornings at 7:30 AM in Ms. Mac's room, A8. You are welcome to attend.

Senior Lindsay Eickstaedt and Juniors Zan Preston and Kelcy Dunn work hard practic during Jazz I rehearsals

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Jazz I accepted to perform at IB

Jenny Flater
REPORTER

For the first time in the North Scott's history, Jazz 1 was accepted to perform for the Iowa Bandmaster's Association. On May 12, in Des Moines, every instrumental music teacher in the state will be listening to North Scott's Jazz 1 perform.

"It's really cool that we were accepted especially since it's the first year we've sent in a tape, and it really shows that our jazz band has come a long way and worked really hard," said Kelsey Dunn, junior alto.

All of the top programs in the state sent in a recording to IBA and only one jazz band out of all that sent in a recording, was accepted.

"I have a lot of friends that are band directors and when they had gotten accepted they'd be stressed because they'll have to play utes worth of music, but we'll just pick out of the dozen or so that we've been on throughout the year," said Mike M Jazz 1 director.

Jazz 1 recorded their rehearsals for to try and get the perfect recording music. McMann would turn the record the beginning of the period and let it r the end of class. "There's always the ex of making a mistake with having on take," said McMann.

"I couldn't believe that we were since a lot of the 'technically' good graduated last year, but I think that we it because we have come a long way don't let it go to our heads," said M Abbott, junior trumpet.

Hard work pays off as Jazz I saxophones help Jazz one to a performance for the Iow Bandmaster's Association

Staff Photo

Meet Vincent Miraton, latest addition to foreign exchange program

enny Flater
REPORTER

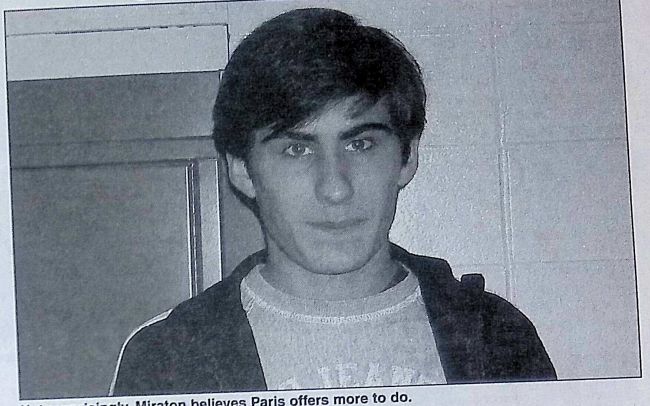
The newest foreign exchange student at North Scott is 17 year old Vincent Miraton. He lives in Paris with his father, mother, twin brother, and little brother. His mom works with internet software and his dad works in import and export sales.

While in Iowa, he is staying with the Paar family. Before coming to Iowa, he was staying with a foreign exchange family in Miami, but came to Eldridge because he, "...needed a high school." Miraton stated that the biggest difference between school in Paris and Eldridge is, "I have weight- working in American school."

Miraton's favorite class at NS is American history and one of his favorite movies is Scarface. Although Miraton is not much of a sports person in France, he is taking P.E. and plays indoor soccer on Sundays in the pit. His favorite sports in America are motocross and baseball.

Playing sports is only one of the differences between America and France. Another is that there is much more to do in Paris than in Eldridge. Vincent stated that he hasn't gotten the chance to visit Chicago or any other big cities where there are more opportunities.

Miraton said that, "everyone has been very nice [at North Scott]." When you see him in the hallway, give him a friendly hello!



Not surprisingly, Miraton believes Paris offers more to do.

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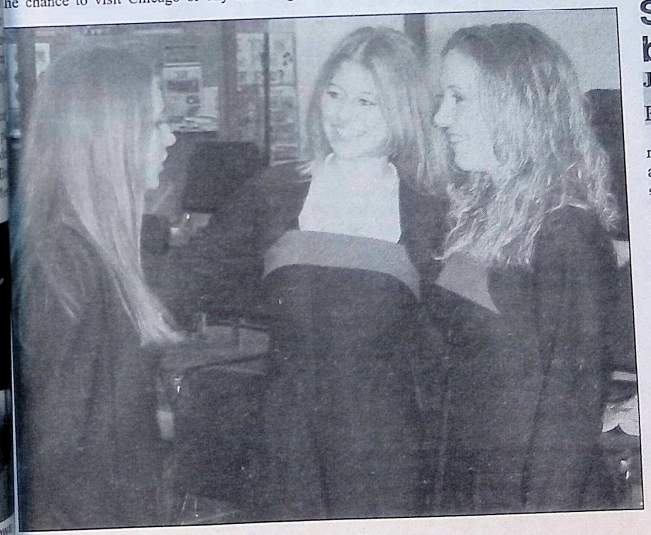


Swing Show begins March 11

Jenny Flater
REPORTER

March is a big month for the music department with Swing Show on Friday, March 11 and Saturday, March 12 at 7:30, as well as the spring band concert on March 15th at 7:00.

Swing show will feature Jazz 1, Jazz 2, Mississippi Mood, and Women's Chorale. The cost will be $3 for students and senior citizens, and $6 for Adults. This year's theme is Celebration, by Cool & the Gang.

The spring band concert will display the Concert and Symphonic bands, and the cost will be $3 for students and senior citizens and $4 for adults.

"[Swing show] is a lot of fun. People really get into the bands and singing. It's really good time, so come on and celebrate!" stated Kelsey Dunn, junior.

(Left) Ashley Greve, Jill Noel, and Jessie Carpenter model new choir dresses

Staff Photo

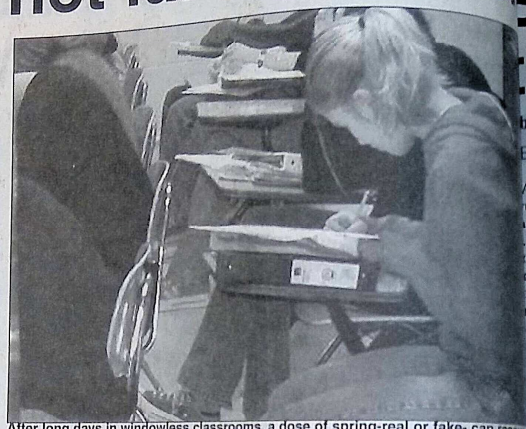
Vacation not far from hom

Lindsey Epkes
FINE-ARTS EDITOR

Tired of gray, dreary skies, borderline freezing temperatures, and the inevitable boredom that comes with the post holiday, winter season? Most all of us are ready for an escape of some kind but a long, beautiful vacation away to Mexico or some other exotic destination isn't always convenient or affordable so it is necessary to learn how to take a vacation from the convenience of your own living room.

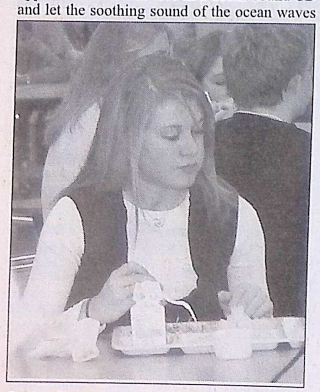
The first step to achieving that vacation like feel from your own living room is to create an atmosphere. Push all current furniture to the outer walls of the room then, drag in a big lounge chair. Grab your favorite beach towel and drape it across your chair. Congratulations! Your first step to relaxation is complete. Next, drag in an old plastic baby pool and fill up with water. This gives the feel that you are laying next to the ocean or a lake. Then grab some random floatiest, blow them up, and toss them about the room. Now, if you really want to get that beach side feel lay down a tar across the floor and pour buckets of sand over top.

To achieve the correct sounds of a vacation one needs two CD players. Hid one CD player in the corner and pop in a jamaican style CD like Bob Marley's greatest hits perhaps. Then take the second CD player and put it in the opposite corner and toss in a ocean sound CD and let the soothing sound of the ocean waves rock you into relaxation.



After long days in windowless classrooms, a dose of spring-real or fake- can rescu the darkest winter days. Thanks to Jenna Billups for unknowingly representing a s starved student.

Now you are nearing the end of the preparation stage. Next grab all the necessary ingredients; strawberries, ice, and virgin margarita syrup to make the perfect non alcoholic strawberry margaritas. After you have blended all the ingredients, pour them into your favorite glass and throw in an umbrella. Wow a long journey to venture all the way living room in Iowa to paradise but worth it. Finally, throw on your favor suit, shades, and go relax under a (acting as the sun).



Opting for the traditional hot lunch, Amanda Murphy enjoys the convenience of school lunch service.

Staff Photo

Brown bags making comebac

You may remember back to your elementary school days when you would go to school with your cartoon back pack and multicolored sack lunch boxes prepared with love from your mother.

When you reached junior high sack lunches were a thing of the past. Now you had choices in what you wanted to eat. You could get the main lunch an alternate lunch or just skip the main lunches and go straight to the sugar line.

In high school you are given an even greater amount of choices. You can choose to be healthy or go the totally opposite way and eat junk food every day.

Recently a numerous amount of Juniors have decided to become more healthy and take control of there food income. They're doing this by, yes, returning to their early days and making a sack lunch.

Junior Laura Bjustrum has been making a sack lunch on and off since her sophomore year. She like to make them because they are cheaper, healthier, and she likes to bring good food. Lindsay Goebol also a junior ha bringing a sack lunch and claims "Sack es are the new chicken patty."

Students often complain about old foo reheated and reserved. Students could this by waking up an extra ten minute and throwing some food in a paper sa doing this you can assure that you w enough food and you will know that quality food. Also you can't complain the lunch because if you don't like it t your own fault.

Many students who are vegetarians o other strict diets, find it hard to buy lunches because about 3/4 of the food served has some sort of meat in it.

Students may not have the best choice it comes to there health during there times but they can help by making th lunches.

State capital in fine shape hanks to our Mr. Wood

bby Dickinson
EPORTER

As I drove through Des Moines (under con-ruction, as always) and approached the apitol I finally found the correct road: Grand at last. I approached the massive building empting to choose an entrance to go rough. Following the example of another I alked through the door on the East Side of the ilding. The first thing I saw was security, mewhat like the airport—every person had go through the metal detector single file and ace his or her bags on the X-ray machine. fter passing the security point I entered the ain lobby of the building.

Thoroughly confused as to where my meeting ot with Mr. Wood was, I asked for directions. kind senator from a northern country accom-anied through the chamber and to Conference oom 22 where I sat through an interesting eeting about grants for college students. The eeting featured speakers from Wartburg, impson, and Buena Vista. As can be expect-d, the meeting was long and not extremely citing, but at the same time interesting to me ecause of the topic.

When the meeting adjourned Senator Wood ok me on a personal tour of the gigantic apitol building. I was surprised to find out at the majority of people crowding the lobby, ho I assumed were tourists, were actually bbyist trying to get a bill passes/introduced. met many other senators, clerks, and pages as ell as photographers who took numerous pic-ures. As Senator Wood was showing me round each person he passed greeted him with , "Hi Senator, how are you today?" People at he capitol understand the terms authority and espect, which is one of the major changes rom his familiar high school past.

While spending the day with Mr. Wood, Abby Dickinson received first hand lessons on state government.

Contributed photo

Mr. Johnson and Ms. Allen have taken over the responsibilities of the Vice-Principal spot with the help of Dr. Scherer and Dr. Dose; however, it will take some adjustment time to get all of the kinks worked out. The Congressional Session does not start until February, so for the next three years Senator Wood will be present at NS for the first semester then spend the rest of the year in Des Moines.

Wood says the hardest thing about switching jobs is cutting the ties. "I am still interested in what's going on at North Scott. It has been a difficult transition between jobs. The first two weeks were a whirlwind, it was a major learning process for me; at times it was overwhelming."

"The best thing about being a Senator is having the opportunity to make a difference for Iowans. I want to focus on education and the many other worthwhile programs." However, being a senator is not always all fun and games; there are down sides too. "The worst things are not being able to satisfy all of the needs of the people. Every decision made affects people, so it is hard no matter what. I don't want to raise taxes, nobody does, but the state needs the money with all of the budget cuts. Also, I miss NS."

The feeling is reciprocal; NS misses Senator Wood as well. But don't fret students, he will return at the end of the school year and, as always, shake hands at graduation.

Tan in a bottle, safer tan than tanning beds

Katy Moss
REPORTER

Along with the cold winter months come pale and white bodies. To help prevent this students, mostly girls, hit the tanning beds to make it appear as if they have been sizzling in the sun for the past weeks.

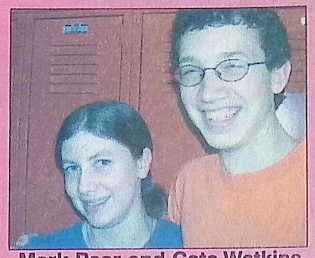
Tanning has many side effects including skin cancer, premature skin aging, bleached out hair, and uneven skin tones. According to the American Association of Dermatology, over one million people visit a tanning bed a day. Despite many warnings about skin cancer. Nearly half of all new cancer cases are a type of skin cancer.

Many people are now turning to so called "Tanning Pills" to receive that same sun kissed hide. Your skin sheds its outer layer every 30-45 days and by using tanning pills your skin is colored from the inside out, which helps slow down the fading process.

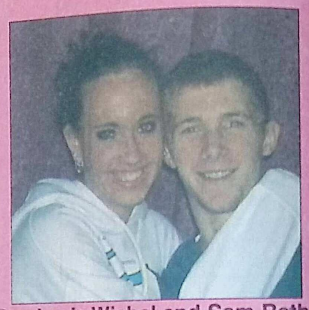
It usually takes the pills 1-2 weeks to start showing the effects. It depends on your diet, body thickness, health, and skin type. The tan usually stays for approximately 2-8 weeks.

Before buying a bottle of these pills you should check with a specialist to make sure that they are a safe product to use. If you purchase the right kind than these pills are 100% safe. So the next time you think about going to spend some time in the cancer beds maybe you'll think twice about purchasing these tanning pills.

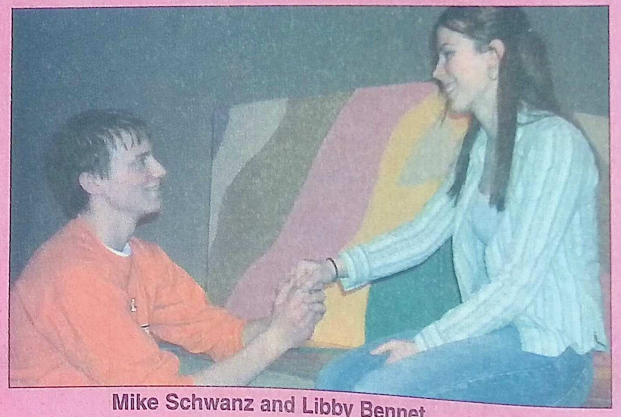
The Lance asks, "What makes you guys last?"



Mark Paar and Cate Watkins
"Having a lot in common...blind luck."



Stephanie Wiebel and Sam Reth
"We both have a sense of humor."



Mike Schwanz and Libby Bennet
"We're like a complicated jigsaw puzzle: we just fit."

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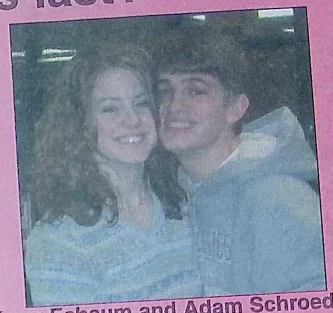
Mike Schwanz and Kara Glunz



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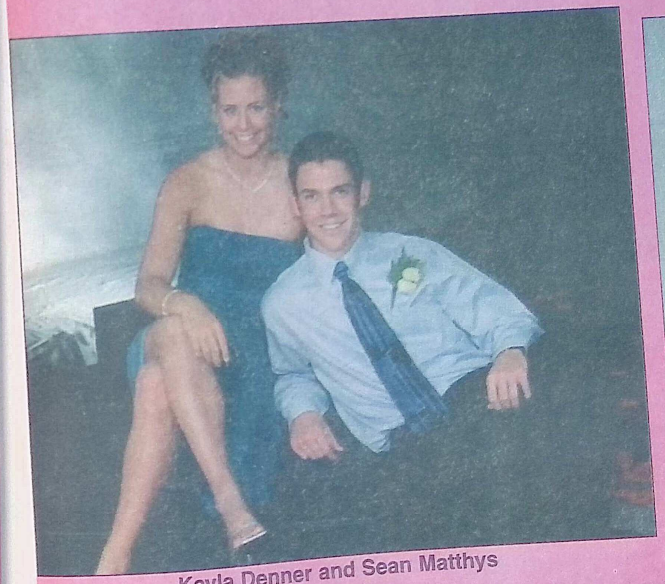
"We're in tune!"



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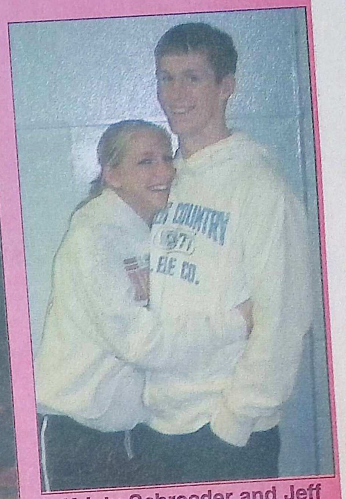
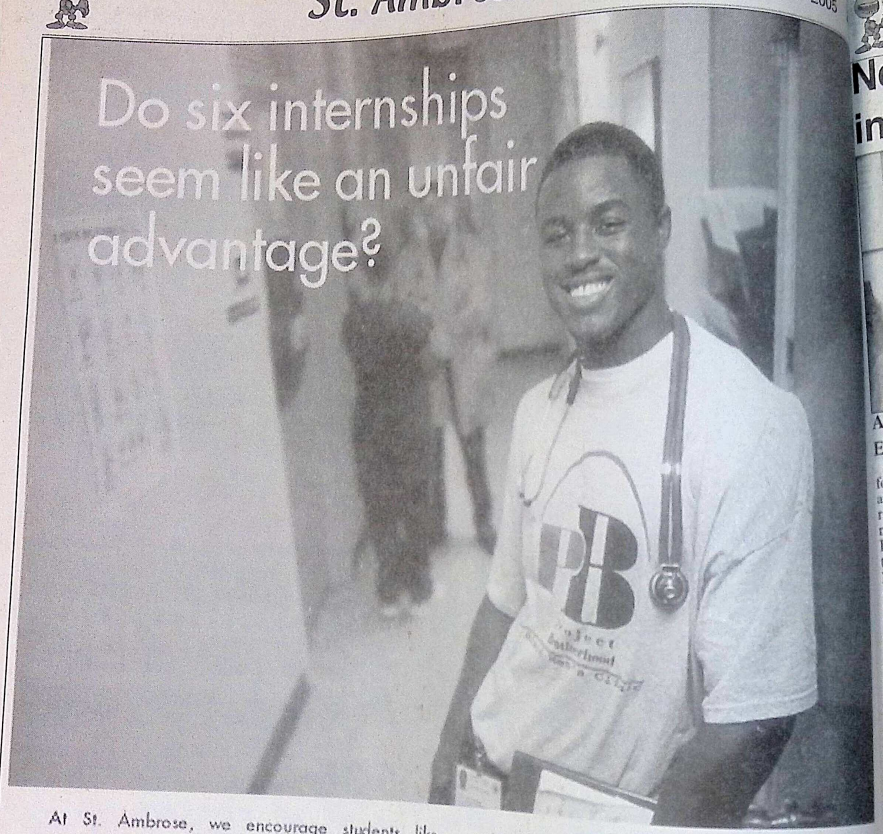


Kristy Schroeder and Jeff Curran
"We're like gobstoppers: everlasting."

Do six internships seem like an unfair advantage?



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New, economical improvements would "de-institutionalize" North Scott High

Aaron Schroeder
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Grey paint. Grey carpet. Red lockers. Prison food. Surveillance cameras. Does it seem to anyone else that North Scott High School is rapidly becoming as institutionalized as the new Davenport jail? It's unbearable! Everywhere we go we see the exact same thing. Kudos to teachers like Ms. Kube, Ms. Mac, and Ms. Kluever who've found ways around the grey wave. Unfortunately, the administration doesn't quite see this point of view. However, the next time you walk by the office, be sure to notice the multi-colored nature of the Principal's walls.

Bettendorf has several courtyards. PV has halls and lockers of several different colors. There's natural light in nearly all of the halls. Is institutionalization really the attitude we want to convey to North Scott's visitors? I don't think so. Therefore, in an attempt to just improve a few of these physical blunders of our high school, the administration should take up a few of these suggestions.

--A student lounge: In requiring the majority of students to be in school all day, as well as the "one study hall" rule, the library has become overcrowded with non-studious students. Indeed, it's hard to work during the last 20 minutes of the period when the library is flooded with classes let out early and students who've stopped working.

The librarians don't have many alternatives, and are often forced to just allow the noise to continue. "We have kinds coming in from the lunchroom just to socialize. The library shouldn't really be for that," explains librarian Lana Buswell. "The students need a place where they can read, or talk, or just sit."

A student lounge would give students a place to do just the things Buswell suggests. The lounge could be set up on the west side of the Commons/cafeteria. In fact, several years ago, the Commons had several comfy chairs and couches for student use.

For under one-thousand dollars, the district could purchase some futons, a television, a radio, a dvd player, two card tables, and a few chairs for this student lounge.

A student lounge would also alleviate several "gripes" many students currently have. For example, students could use cell phones in the student lounge. Also, the study hall and library could now be reserved for studying, and the lounge for socializing.

In terms of surveillance, the new cameras placed around the school will undoubtedly be placed in the cafeteria. Therefore, there will always be constant surveillance of students utilizing the lounge.

Let's recap. For under a grand, the district could alleviate some stress for both students and faculty, as well as promote the "academic excellence" that has become part of the thesis of the high school administration. If nothing else, it's better than the vomit tinted carpet in the library.

--Spice up the walls: There's no denying it: these walls suck. Indeed, where is the artwork the administration promised would be in display cases around the schools when they first chose this depressing color?

"For under a grand, the district could alleviate some stress for both students and faculty..."

Muscatine and PV both have collages on their walls, and Mr. Peter's did a great job in the cafeteria. Why not let him and some art students add some design to the rest of the school?

In an interview last year, Mr. Netwall said the reason for uniform colors was because it was cheaper for the district to purchase two or three colors or paint rather than ten. That's fine. Let the students paint with art department paints, and the district can just paint over it in grey whenever the walls need it. That would allow more student the opportunity to add their creative flare to the halls of North Scott, and would also provide a fresh canvas for incoming students.

--New Desks: Every student in North Scott High School is required to take seven English credits to graduate. Also, any student in these English classes knows how incredibly small these desks are. There is absolutely no room to spread out. There isn't room for anything more than a notebook.

Look at the desks in Ms. Keitzman's room. They're HUGE! A person could fit a notebook, a textbook, and a six-course meal on those things. Just to make classes more comfortable, larger desks with chairs would definitely help improve things.

--Attendance Policy: An important idea, although a bit ideological, comes from reforming the attendance policy for Juniors and Seniors.

The two main reasons for reforming the attendance policy come from one issue: what are schools trying to teach students? One logical answer might be "Schools are trying to prepare students for college." Most college classes do not have attendance policies; they make missing class and getting make-up work the responsibility of the student.

Homework should be the responsibility of the student to prepare students for college AND to make them more responsible. If a lecture in a Biology class is of great importance, a truant student's grade on the test should reflect his or her absence from class.

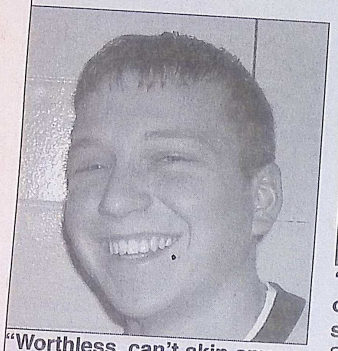
Looking at punishments for truancies, in-school suspensions have to be one of the most ignorant, ineffective forms. Let's be honest: how much sense does it make to punish a student for skipping class by taking them out of class? The district should make the student responsible for the classes they choose to miss, rather than making it harder for students to catch up.

Changing the attendance policy this drastically may seem slightly radical. However, when thinking about how education much the Senior year offers students--when early-admission gets students into college by Winter Break--it seems students should be ready to take some responsibly for their own education, rather than the district forcing them to to attend.

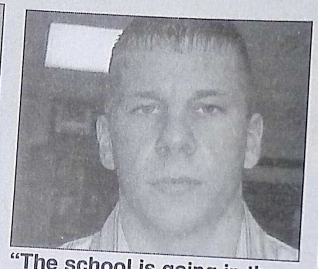
Errie shot of grey paint makes the flesh of NS student crawl. Staff Photo

Photo Opinion
What do you think?

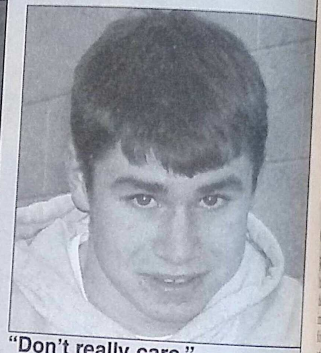
What do you think of the surveillance cameras to be installed next year?



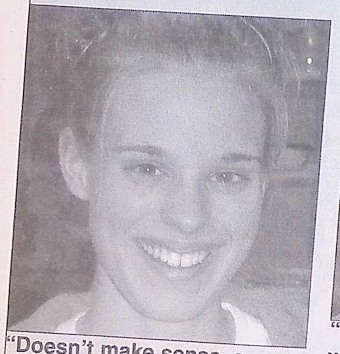
"Worthless, can't skip anymore."
Brandon Harvey



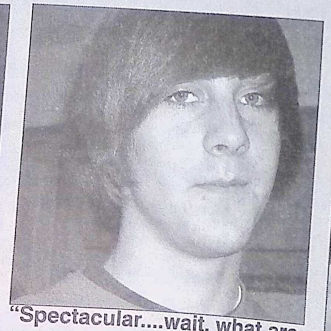
"The school is going in the opposite direction than it should be."
Steve Nolan



"Don't really care."
Andrew Harvigsen

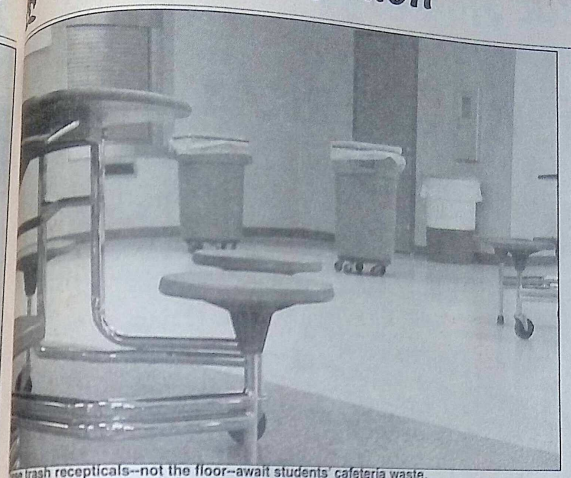


"Doesn't make sense, a waste of money."
Emily Smith



"Spectacular....wait, what are we talking about?"
Kurt Cunningham

"It's stupid..." Lindsay Hamman



Those trash recepticals--not the floor--await students' cafeteria waste.

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Messy lunchroom: not cool!

Cate Watkins
REPORTER

It seems like almost every week now that students are hearing the punishment of the vending machines in the commons being turned off for the week, right? In addition to all of the other announcements, we hear over and over that there is a mess left in the commons in the morning and after the lunch periods, and because of this, now we can't buy pop or other snacks before school or during study halls or whatever.

n the two years I was here before this year, students never had so much of a problem keeping the commons clean or keeping open containers out of the halls. What happened?

I'm not quite sure that all of this can be blamed on the freshmen, although for some reason it seems that for every nice, polite, intelligent freshmen student this year, there are about three ignorant, rude and crude freshmen to more than make up for the slack. From the messes left in the commons in the mornings to the vandalism now occurring around the school, North Scott has never had this much of a problem with privileges being taken away that I can remember.

I mean, sure, there are some students in other grades that may do the same thing, yes, but seriously, now. Is it that hard to pick up your trash and walk the twenty feet to the trashcan? Is it really that funny to see people throwing their trash all over the floor, and acting like Neanderthals? Because last I knew, North Scott was supposed to be one of the top schools in the state.

We've even had to have the teachers take time out of their days to haul students into the auditorium to talk to us about keeping things clean. But surely students' parents have already taught us this? Or, is it because when people are in school, they think they have to act cool, to impress others?

Well, newsflash: it's NOT cool. Making a mess of the commons is not the high-school thing to do. Stealing clocks from teachers is not cool- not to mention, why steal a clock anyway? And breaking a window- still not cool. Because now, instead of spending money on something the students could enjoy, the school has to pay for a new window.

Meanwhile, it's not going to win you friends when people find out who broke things, or stole things, or is making the huge messes. People enjoy the freedom our school gives us- other schools across the country don't have the freedom we do, with the vending machines, the computers all over the place, or the junk food in the lunch lines.

Before this year, we never had a problem with our privileges being taken away. I'm not accusing the freshmen, but from the freshmen I see in the commons, in the halls, in the classes, or on the bus, it's more than likely that the freshmen are leaving their trash all over the place. The other students have treated things with respect; why can't the people who are making the messes?

Pick up the pace and clear out our halls!

Cate Watkins
REPORTER

In between passing times the hallways here at North Scott High School are filled with hundreds of students all trying to get somewhere. It could be their lockers, to talk to their friends, or get to their next class.

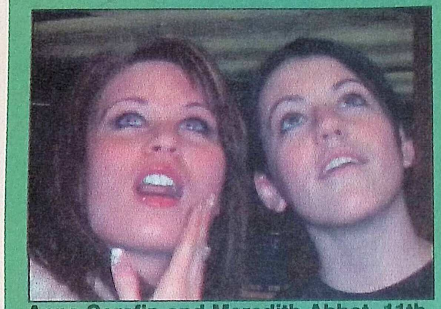
As a student who walks the hallways every day it is very evident that some students only purpose here are to be rode blocks for those of us who are trying to get to class on time.

In between classes students are only given five minutes of passing time. I would agree that 5 minutes is not a lot of time to get from place to place, but what could really cut back on the time spent getting to class is if students would simply walk faster! I often see my peers having to weave in and out of slow walkers, and also people who get stuck behind a herd of them which sucks when you're in a hurry.

There are a lot of rules that you have to know when you're driving and coincidentally most of those rules are applied to how you should walk in the hallways. Here are some examples; you should always stay on the right side of the hallway. Also at the intersections you should turn onto the right side of the hallway. Like driving the hallways have a speed limit and that speed limit is not the speed of the tortoise, it should rather be like the speed of the hare.

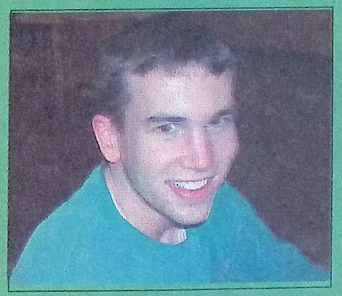
For those of you who are not even planning on going to your next block why even bother coming to school. All you're doing is getting in the way of those of us who are trying to get to our class so we can get a good education. Passing time is a time of the school day to take a short break from learning all about the world outside of these walls. But its also a time to get to class in a quick orderly fashion.

How do you spell organism?



Anne Sarafin and Meredith Abbot--11th
"orgasm"

Claire Schneckloth--9th
"organzm"



Kyle Liske--12th
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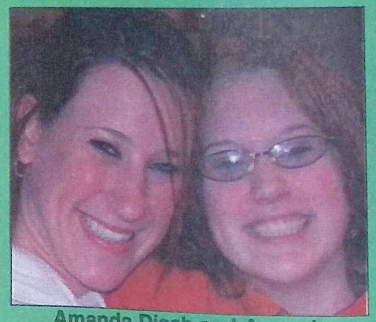


Amanda Disch and Amanda Sulivan--10th
"organism"

Senior Spotlight

Andy Ranfeld
Swimming

Birthday: February 15, 1987
Parents: Ron and Shelly Ranfeld, Sharon Randfeld
Siblings: Bocky and Ben
Pets: None
Favorite after school snack: ph and bananas
First NS elementary school crush: Hallie Richardson
Best friend ever: Corey Sickels
Worst trouble you ever got in: Me and my friend Jeremy having detention for a week because we tied this Daniel kid up and hit him with an ice-skate.
Favorite Holiday: My birthday
Favorite Ice Cream flavor: Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough
What is your life's theme song: "VOLARE"
Quote to live by: The sun sets in the west and drugs are illegal, but no matter what you do, vote Republican!
Most memorable moment: My brother and I putting a pizzatizer with special contents in my neighbor's truck
Most embarrassing Moment: Being chosen for senior spotlight after I dropped Cheerleading
Hobbies: Collecting Mexican things, eating, being lazy, driving Ariel, soccer
Favorite Color: Green
Favorite Movie: The Royal Tennenbaums
Favorite actor/actress: Christopher Walken
Most admired person: George W. Bush
Fav. Cartoon Character: Louie Anderson
Activities at North Scott: Soccer, swimming, power lifters of America
Life after North Scott: Going to college in Arkansas, then have lots of kids

Kristy Schroeder
Basketball

Birthday: May 23, 1987
Parents: Dale and Barb Schroeder
Siblings: Kyle, Ali, Joe
Pets: a fish
Favorite after school snack: Ice Cream
First NS elementary school crush: Dave Kietzman--even though he didn't know my name!
Worst trouble you ever got in: That time Sophomore year...oh man, Kara!
Favorite Holiday: Christmas
Favorite Ice Cream flavor: anything without nuts
What is your life's theme song: Bob Marley "Don't worry; be happy"
Quote to live by: "Soy el queso grande" (Andy of Eldridge)
Most memorable moment: "Four square", going to CO, Senior Homecoming
Most embarrassing Moment: Slipping on soup in the lunch room in front of everyone soph year!
Hobbies: Sports, movies, cleaning, hanging out with friends
Favorite Color: Blue
Favorite Movie: "The Notebook" and anything with Jim Carey!@
Favorite actor/actress: Jim Carey/ Gweneth Paltrow
Most admired person: Mother Teresa
Fav. Cartoon Character: Doug Funny and Jonny Bravo (he's kinda cute)
Favorite "Friends" Character: Phoebe
Activities at North Scott: Basketball, FCA, NHS, softball, cross country, chess club
Life after North Scott: Go to a four-year college, major in Elementary Education and Be Happy!

Cori Thompson
Student Government

Birthday: March 25, 1987
Parents: John and Dawn
Siblings: Seth and Andrew
Pets: None
Favorite after school snack: applesauce
First NS elementary school crush: Kyle Strobbe
Best friend ever:
Worst trouble you ever got in:
Favorite Holiday: Halloween
Favorite Ice Cream flavor: Cookie dough
What is your life's theme song: "That's Life" by Frank Sinatra
Quote to live by: "To fly, we have to have resistance."
Most memorable moment: Falling on the ice in the parking lot after jumping around cars
Hobbies: skiing, hanging out with friends, tennis
Favorite Color: green
Favorite Movie: Meet the Fockers
Favorite actor/actress: Topher Grace / Julia Roberts
Most admired person: Adrian Pehler
Favorite Cartoon Character: Johnny Bravo
Favorite "Friends" Character: Joey
Activities at North Scott: NSSG, NHS, band, Tennis, Pit orchestra
Life after North Scott: Biomedical Engineer at Iowa

Adam Bader
Lancer Productions

Birthday: June 30, 1986
Parents: Mark and Julie Bader
Siblings: Erin and Laura
Pets: Dog--Payton
Favorite after school snack: Pasta of any shape and size
First NS elementary school crush: Brianna Wallace
Best friend ever: George W. Bush
Worst trouble you ever got in: Nothing ever came of it, but my run in with a fake cop at Iowa State
Favorite Holiday: St. Patrick's Day
Favorite Ice Cream flavor: Cookie Dough
What is your life's theme song: "Save Tonight" Eagle Eyed Cherry
Quote to live by: "Before you learn to lead, you must learn to follow."
Most memorable moment: Performing GODSPELL in front of 3000+ at the International Thespian Festival
Most embarrassing Moment: Putting my truck in the ditch less than two weeks after I bought it.
Hobbies: Playing guitar, running around with Bettendorf cheerleaders
Favorite Color: Blue
Favorite Movie: "Boondock Saints"
Favorite actor/actress: Johnny Depp, Heather Graham
Most admired person: Harry S. Truman
Fav. Cartoon Character: Peter Griffin
Favorite "Friends" Character: Chandler
Activities at North Scott: Lancer Productions, National Honor Society, Stud. Gov.
Life after North Scott: Major in Computer Engineering at ISU, then off to the FBI as for Computer Forensics

Small game makers hit the big time

Brandon Williams
REPORTER

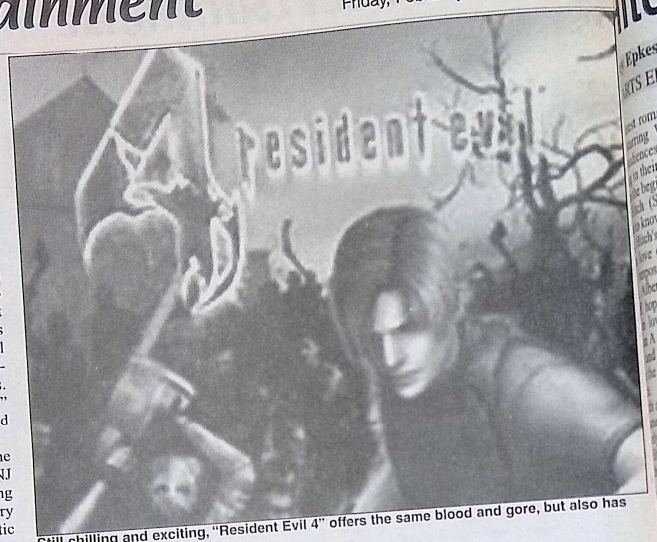
Big games own industry, little "indies" innovate it

Producing a big video game today is similar to producing a big movie: Usually it takes millions of dollars, takes quite a few people to work on it, and advertising decides whether it becomes popular or not. But there's always exceptions, especially in video games. Several games built by a small team with a limited budget become as popular as the big titles. Generally the graphics and sound in an "indy" game are unimpressive, but the gameplay and originality can overcome these problems.

One of the good examples of a small game going big is Alien Hominid, created by SYNJ Industries.The player controls an alien trying to escape the FBI, using very unique weaponry and cat-like reflexes to overcome gigantic odds. Alien Hominid is similar to Contra or Metal Slug, but throws in a unique, hand-drawn art style, and contains the strangest humor imaginable. How many other games have a dramatic battle against a living mound of butterscotch pudding? This was originally a game on newgrounds.com (a popular site for games and videos created by flash), but it developed such a fan base that it's been released for all console systems with a huge amount of additions.

Another small game gone big, and probably a more commonly known one, is Counterstrike. Minh Le and Jess Cliffe, created the first version as a modification for Half-Life, a popular FPS. The game became so popular that Valve, the creator of Half-Life, hired them to turn the beta of Counterstrike into an official retail game. In 2004, Game Spy, a website that provides gaming-related news, reported that usually 60,000 players can be found playing the game at anytime. The game is even part of some of the professional gaming leagues, including the Cyberathlete Professional League.

This just goes to show that people need to pay attention to the smaller games. In fact, it's almost necessary now if we want to get companies to start developing original titles again. If a person would check a website of freeware games, like gamehippo.com, they'd see there's more to video games than just first person shooters and Grand Theft Auto ripoffs. The masses can keep the 100 versions of the same game; I'd rather see what else video games can do.



Still chilling and exciting, "Resident Evil 4" offers the same blood and gore, but also has many advantages from previous releases

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"Resident Evil 4" offers different feel from previous chapters

Jarrod Traub
REPORTER

About a month ago, Capcom released the much anticipated and highly praised new chapter in the Resident Evil saga, Resident Evil 4. This chapter is not like the previous games in that with the action, the camera is actually controllable and it feels like a third person shooter rather than a survival horror game that gamers were used to in the previous games.

This game strays from the urban background and sets itself in a primitive village in Europe.

The player assumes the role of Leon Kennedy who was also in Resident Evil 2. Leon's mission is to rescue the President's daughter who was kidnapped by a shadowy religious cult that has zombified the villagers that live near the church.

The A.I. (artificial intelligence) is extremely refined and almost too good. If Leon runs into a cabin and blocks all the entrances, the zombified villagers will try to break the doors and windows down or throw torches in windows if the windows have not been blocked. Also when Leon climbs a tower the villagers will throw torches to lure Leon out or set up ladders to surround him.

The atmosphere is totally insane as well. The forest and villages give the feeling of a really well done horror movie. Sometimes I was hesitant to rush into a village while firing my guns because there is so many traps and other factors that make every single one of Leon's moves look weak. Also, midway through the game Leon is outside in the dark during a lightning storm and because Leon didn't have a flashlight at the time, the only thing you could rely on to find the enemy was hearing their approach and a brief flash of lightning which lighted up the screen for a second.

The violence in the game is over the top and extremely gory but it fits the game's overall style. I will not recommend this game to people with weak stomachs because there are some extremely disgusting deaths in the game. For instance, when traveling through the sewers, Leon gets attacked by acid spitting insects that melts away his skin and burns away the hair on his head and yes, the aftermath of the attack is shown.

Overall, this game is fun and innovative but is NOT to be played by people with weak stomachs. I give Resident Evil 4 a 10 out of 10.

...itch" goes off without hitches

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...RTS EDITOR

...st romantic comedy to the theaters ...ring Will Smith is guaranteed to ...diences optimistic about love and ...in their seats.

...he beginning of the film the audiences ...itch (Smith) is a smooth guy who ...s know all the right and wrong moves. ...itch's career is a professional consul... ...ove or a "love doctor" and no case ...mpossible for Hitch until he meets ...lbert played by Kevin James finds ...hopelessly yet adorably head over ...love with none other than Allegra ...A list celebrity. Yet, under the strict ...and teachings of Hitch, Albert manages ...the affection of this once, unattainable

...n another successful case to his record ...nerous others Hitch would seem the one ...y man to consult on love. However, ...itch finds love himself audiences see his ...moves diminish into stumbling, bab... ...allergic reaction educing humiliation. ...e his faults, Hitch's love interest, Sara ...pears to be further charmed. Yet, all ...things must come to an end and in the ...f all romantic comedies a climactic prob... ...not occur to make the characters realize ...ve for one another. So in following with ...matic tradition Sara and Hitch suffer a ...miscommunication that jeopardizes not only their relationship but also Albert and Allegra's when Sara uses her gossip column to expose Hitch as the "love doctor" of New York.

This film may not be the best cinema experience of the year however, if you are searching for a good laugh this movie won't disappoint. With its comedic style this movie takes a new refreshing approach to the corky and endearing qualities that make people fall in love and points out that love, although it may make you miserable, it is worth the leap of faith. Undoubtedly, Hitch makes audiences smile with exquisite, comedic performances from Smith and James whose characters can sympathize with all the awkward, embarrassing moments of dating.

Star Will Smith tries in vain to train one of his clients on the language of love in Sony's romantic comedy "Hitch"

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...Boogeyman" scares away horror fans

Tom Pearce
REPORTER

Everyone knows that the Boogeyman doesn't exist...at least until Hollywood attempted to make him real.

Boogeyman is a movie about how a young boy named Tim (Barry Watson) witnessed his father being dragged into his closet to be never seen again. What a way to see your father for the last time.

That was 15 years ago and now Tim has grown up and still has a fear of closest...in fact so much that he takes the doors off of his cabinets, has no rooms in his apartment and won't go anywhere near a closest. He thinks that he will never have to see the Boogeyman until he gets the message that his mom had died and that he should spend one night in his house where he witnessed the who incident. This proved to be a fatal mistake. And that's when the horror and suspense starts...and the strangeness.

This was a very strange movie. The beginning was pretty decent, but after about an half hour or so of seeing flashes of something evil, it gets kind of old. I mean, I waned to see the creature in action, not seeing flashes of things. You actually only see the creature for a total of 5 minutes....that's right 5 minutes. Kind of disappointing. And the ending has to be the worst one in a movie that I have seen for quite a while. Spend an hour and half just to see that?

This movie, in total was, a dissapointment. I was hoping so see a movie with something chasing people the whole time, but the creature only chased them towards the end of the movie. From the previews it looked pretty cool, but it wasn't anything nearly as cool as it looked.

Anyone who likes actual horror movies, shouldn't really go see this cause its more of a suspense than anything else. People who like closets or underneath the bed should go see this movie. Cause there are a lot of closets....and seeing underneath the bed.

...ough previews appeared creepy, sitting ...ugh the actual film proved to be anything but.

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Are the Patriots the last remaining sports dynasty?

Andrew Mitchell
SPORTS EDITOR

Wow! When you think of sports dynasties you think of teams from decades ago.

You think of the UCLA Bruins under John Wooden or the Boston Celtics of way back. You think of Terry Bradshaw and the steel curtain. From Joe Montana, to Jerry Rice, for the 49ers, the last dynasty we've seen was the Chicago Bulls. They only had the greatest player of all time and maybe one of the best coaches. However in the era of free agency it seems that you need the greatest player in the history of your sport to become an established dynasty. But the New England Patriots don't have anyone even close to that. In their 3 championship years they have only had 5 pro bowlers.

Some teams average 3 to 5 pro bowlers a year. So how have they dominated the NFL so easily? They have done it the old fashioned way.

They went out and got the most prepared coach in the NFL and instead of paying out millions for great players who love money as much as they love the game they got determined players to buy into a team game. Bill Bilicheck has taken these players trust and determination and designed those unbelievable game plans. He uses his team to shut down other coaches all-stars. They play the team game so well it seems like they have 13 or 14 players out there sometime. Their offense doesn't get records but they always find a way to score just enough points to have more than their opponents.

They play their best and squeak by with just a field goal or a big defensive stop. They are going back to old school and dominating the rest of the league with it.

So does this mean that others will go back to a team game or will individual selfishness allow the Patriots to dominate for a long time to come?

Girls' season ends after championship effort

Andrew Mitchell
SPORTS EDITOR

District Seeding, this is the process that the Iowa High School Athletic Associations uses to split up teams at the beginning of the season for postseason play. This process has not been very kind to the Lancers as of late.

Last year our boy's team felt the wrath of distract seeding when we saw the best two teams play and eliminations game before the state tournament even started. Ending in a one point loss to eventual champions, Linn-Marr.

This year the girl's team found the short end of that stick meeting the number 4 team in the state when they had to travel to play Cedar Rapids Washington, with a 67-51 loss Saturday the girl's season is over.

It was a pretty amazing season in itself. Starting out dropping games left and right at the beginning of the season, you had to start wondering if it was ever going to turn a round.

Then out of nowhere it did turn around. It started to seem like they couldn't lose a game. They ended their regular season in a tie for second place in the MAC with Clinton.

Saturday night was the last high school game for seniors Liebold, Wallace, Schroeder, Jones, and Engler.

With valiant efforts and the not so luck of the draw you ladies have given us as fans every-

Top: Watching for a rebound, Nichole Jones watches with intensity. Above: Bree Wallace plays through injured knee.
Staff Photos

thing you can. You will probably see most of these ladies in the spring and summer on a soccer field or a softball field but unfortunately we have seen them for the last time in a Lancer uniform on the floor of the Pit.

So thanks for the memories ladies.

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S EDITOR

officially upon us. The moment that wa High School sports. Perhaps even e most talked about events in high orts, the Iowa high school state tournament.

t a week thousands of fans and hun- young men will pack into Veterans m in Des Moines to watch their sons, or friends battle for the ultimate e state, the title of State Champion. these young men will get scholarships of their performance and some will me with the thought of what if. g for state is an honor in its own right. state you have to finish in the top two district.

ts were held Saturday in Clinton and ough the team finished second instead n they need for the team tournament, ividuals did qualify. North Scott is the proud home of two district champions and three runner-ups.

Our champions are Junior Joe Suiter at 103 pounds and Senior Nick Billups at 160 pounds. Both of whom triumphed over Bettendorf wrestlers in the final round. North Scott's runner-up finishers who will be joining them at state include Clay Baker at 125, Stew Gillmor at 135 and Kele Jones at 140.

Once again the seeding bit the Lancers in the butt when they ended up in the same district as the fourth ranked Little Hawks from Iowa City High.

The MAC champions, North Scott finished second in the district and just missed out on a chance to compete for a state title.

I encourage everybody to journey up to Des Moines and cheer on our five wrestlers because I believe we are looking at some state champs walking the hall at North Scott.

Above Kele Jones shows strength as he pins his opponent. Below: Josh Carstens fights back.
Staff Photo

owling, the sport of champions

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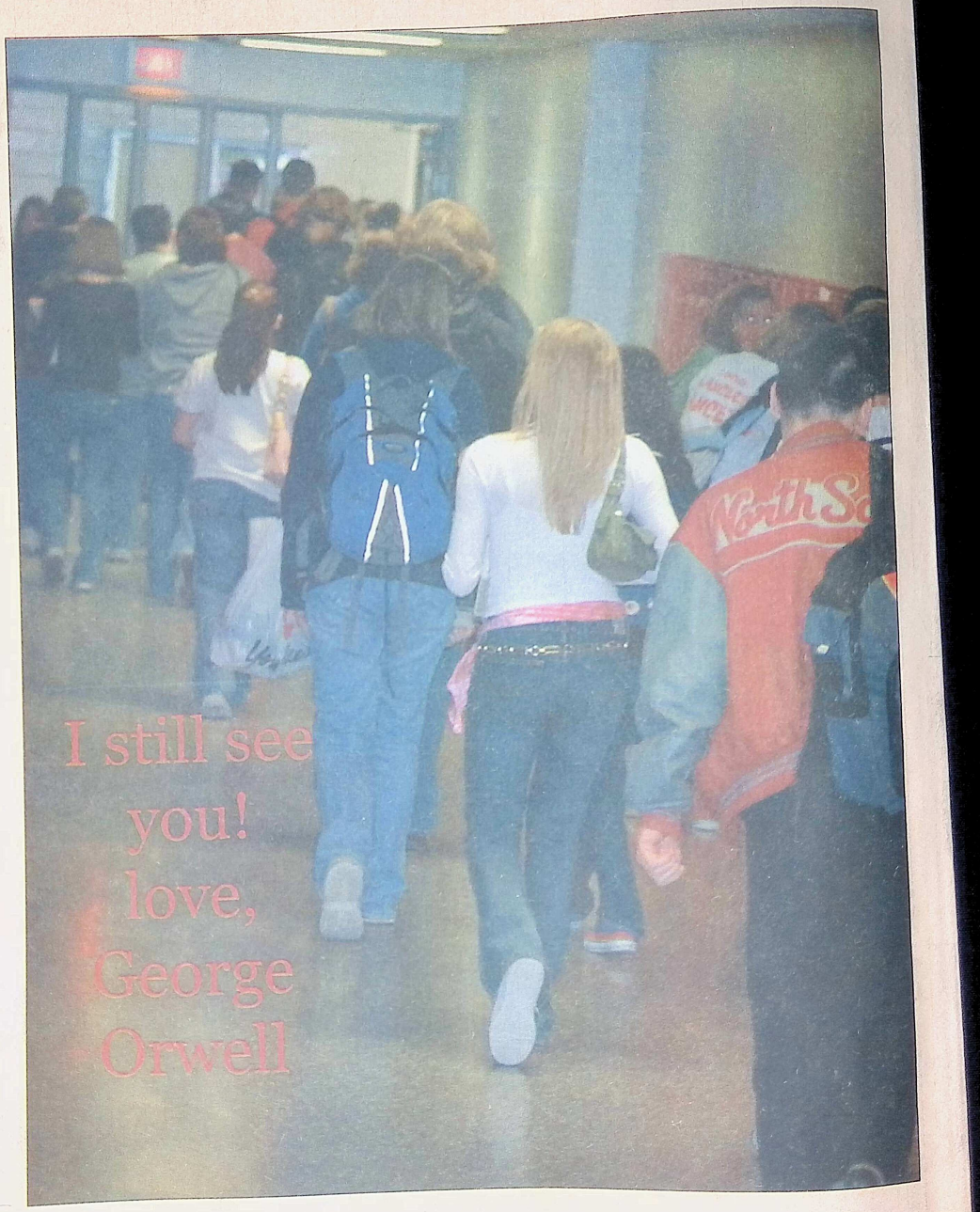
tball, Basketball, and Volleyball. one knows about these 3 sports and i'm ryone has to been to at least one of nts. But what about the lesser known team?

owling team meets every Wednesdays at Time Bowling & Billiards from 3:30 til ver they're done practicing. For practhe team gets into small groups and plays sses against each other. On Saturdays, they have competitions against other schools around the quad-cities.

Even though you don't really hear that much about the bowling team, in a lot of ways they're like some of the other sports at the school. They also have a Jr. Varsity and Varsity team and have practices weekly. The team also has meets which are a lot like games.

The bowing team was started last year by senior, Tim Scheetz. Even though he's not in it this year, the legacy still lives on. The bowling team has had a pretty good season with their last game that was on the 19th. Made up of about 25 members, they all seem to have a lot of fun. Teammate Andrew Richeal says that "Being on the bowling team is really fun. Plus, bowling is flippin sweet."

I think that the bowling team should get more recognition. You always hear about the basketball team on the announcements, but why not the bowling team? Even though it's a relatively new school sport, bowling is becoming really popular among students. So maybe in a couple of years, we'll be having pep auds for the bowling team.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